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THAT FOR THE PAN-AMERICAN EX-POSITION PROGRESSING.

Some of the Interesting Features It Will Contain-A Full Collec-

The preparation of the postal exhibit for the Pan-American exposition is progress-We received today another new line of suits—duplicates of which cannot be found anywhere in Washington. They are in the first blush of newness—never exhibited before in Washington—and will be a complete surprise to those who visit the department at the exposition, and the manufacture of the department at the exposition, and the manufacture of the department at the exposition, and the manufacture of the department at the exposition. ing rapidly at the museum of the Post us Monday.

Stylish New Reefer and Eton Sults in black and blue \$12.50...

the department at the exposition, and work of making ready the exhibit is being supervised by S. I. Slack, curator of the museum, and who served as the American Beautiful Satin-trimmed Eton Suits in ... museum, and who served as the American black and tan Venetians \$15.50 ... postal representative at the Paris exposi-

by authorities to be the most complete in mounted and shown in column cases; that is, in winged frames, which swing from columns. Until recently the Post Office Department had not a complete set of American postage stamps, but now all breaks in the series and issues have been filled by means of purchases made from Dressy Black Brilliantine \$3.50 dealers and collectors. The market value of the collection of American stamps is
The New Albatross and Serge Waists at placed at \$5,000. The collection of foreign postage stamps is also complete.

Postal Equipment.

Figures and models illustrating the post-the transportation of mail and models il-lustrating methods of mail transportation in India, showing the carriers of Bombay and Calcutta and types of the native runners.

In the illustration of postal methods of

the government of the United States there will be models of all postal vehicles from the collection cart, screen wagon and rural delivery wagon to the railway post office. There will be the model of a distributing rack and samples of all kinds of pouches and bee boxes. Canceling machines in op-eration will be a part of the exhibit. Illustrative of early methods of mail transportation in the United States, there will be exhibited the old Concord coach which used to carry the mails between Helena and Bozeman, Mont. This coach has several times been held up by road agents and attacked by Indians and was once used by General Sherman, while in command of the army, in making a tour of inspection of the military posts in the

for carrying the mail in the Lake Superior region. A mounted carrier, his horse represented as being at a run, has been arranged to illustrate the pony express, which before the day of transcontinental D. C. railroads carried the mails between St. The Joseph, Mo., and San Francisco. There is a lay figure of a Porto Rican carrier mounted on a donkey with a huge mail box swung on each side, showing mail methods in Porto Rico prior to the American occupation. Mr. Slack has prepared the figure of a Cuban carrier taking mail from a box. The box in this exhibit stood for many years in one of the streets of Ha-vana. It is big and heavy and bears the Spanish coat-of-arms painted in brilliant

Ocean Mail Carriage.

One of the interesting models is that of first steamboat to carry the mails across the Atlantic. She plied between Savannah EPERFECT STRAIGHT FRONT

contract, the opposition of the Post Office Department being that "steam vessels are uncertain." Other models are vessels are sentatives, in which he served two terms of the post office of the common council in 1888. He was positive of the common council in 1888. He was positive of the common council in 1888. He was positive of the common council in 1888. He was positive of the common council in 1888. He was positive of the common council in 1888. He was positive of the common council in 1888. He was positive of the common council in 1888. He was positive of the common council in 1888. He was positive of the common council in 1888. He was positive of the common council in 1888. He was positive of the common council in 1888. He was positive of the common council in 1888. He was positive of the common council in 1888. ships Paris, Oceanic, Kaiser Wilhelm cer Grosse and La Touraine.

Several of the paintings from the Post Office Museum will be sent to Buffalo. One of these is a portrait of Benjamin Frank-lin, the first Postmaster General, and another a portrait of Charles Emory Smith, the present Postmaster General. There is a painting of a mail coach of the type common in 1800, and one of a fast mail train of 1900.

The stuffed figure of the old postal dog "Owney" will also be sent to Buffalo. The figure is armored in tags that were attached to Owney in his wanderings over the various mail routes of the world. This dog made the trip to Europe several times and traveled on a large number of routes in England and Scotiand. He went to Japan and was patted by the mikado. He met death at Toledo, it being said that postal clerks there overfed him, and, being sick, he wandered off. In a fit of temper he bit a man and was killed before his identity

Dead Letter Exhibit.

In the dead letter exhibit which will be sent to the Pan-American exposition is a lock of Giteau's hair. While in the District jail Giteau addressed a letter to a woman who had left the United States, and who could not be located by the postal authorities. The letter, after long travels, came to the dead letter office and was opened several months after the writer of it had been executed. It contained a request for money to aid in the conduct of Giteau's case and a bit of hair wrapped in paper, on which was written, "This is a lock of my hair." There are also a fan and pair of gloves recovered from the hull of the wrecked steamship Oregon. They had been under water 114 days when brought up.

His Name is Fred Fulcher and He is a Waiter.

A special to the New York Herald from There are human skulls and weapons of many kinds. In jars of alcohol are a rattlesnake and some tarantulas which were sent alive through the mails. In the collection is the explosive bomb which was put into the mails and addressed to Capt. and the Viscaya when that ship called at New York before the breaking out

AMPUTATED ARM ACHED.

Put Under a Stove the Patient Expressed Relief.

A dispatch from Binghamton, N. Y., yesterday says: The seemingly impossible fact burn, and had left the club when the comthat a man's arm can convey sensation to mittee arrived. the brain after it has been amputated was demonstrated at Norwich yesterday in the case of A. B. Knapp, a prominent resident of that village, who was injured on the hat and an improvised makeup, he aprailroad.

After the amputation last evening Knapp recovered rapidly from the shock until suddenly he complained that the arm was cold.

It grew worse and though the average of the street was vigorous applause. The It grew worse, and though the surgeons and his friends laughed Knapp insisted that his arm was freezing and aching with the

The severed arm was taken from an adoining room and placed under a stove with-out Knapp's knowledge, but he at once expressed relief, saying the arm was getting

Later Knapp again complained that something tied about the wrist was making the arm ache. It was found that a bandage had been tied tightly just below the hand. This was loosened without Knapp's knowledge and again he felt the removal of the

reckning. Some day the present administration will be forced to pay for the follies tration will be forced to pay for the follies being perpetrated by a subsidized House and Senate and by an Executive who possibly is not as firm in many matters as one could wish.

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THE POSTAL EXHIBIT C. F. SPRAGUE IN ASYLUM [From the New York Sunday World Feb. 24, 1901.]

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTATIVE IS HOPELESSLY DEMENTED.

Mind Began to Give Away in 1897 and Treatment Was Unavailing.

A dispatch from Boston, Mass., last night says: Charles F. Sprague, formerly representative in Congress from the eleventh Massachusetts district, is an inmate of the McLean asylum, with little hope of recovering his mental faculties. Mr. Sprague's term in Congress expired last Monday.

Eminent specialists, both here and abroad, have for some time treated Mr. Sprague, and his confinement in the asylum was not decided upon until every means of relief that medical skill could afford had been

Mr. Sprague first manifested symptoms of a nervous disorder in the fall of 1897. It was then believed that with proper medical aid his recovery would be speedy, but as the days lengthened into months those



Mr. C. F. Sprague.

who came into daily contact with Mr. Sprague noticed a change. There were periods, however, when Mr. Sprague's mind was so clear as to deceive his family. With his family the representative went abroad last summer, ostensibly for a pleas-Indian will also be shown. The group, it is said, was made from life, the Indian having held the contract for soveral manufacture and seemed to improve in Carlsbad and an element of the contract for soveral manufacture. Paris, where Dr. Charcot, a specialist on mental and nervous diseases, treated Mr. Sprague. Mr. Sprague returned to America and the family took a house in Washington,

> The family physician, a well-known Boston doctor, has been constantly attending Mr. Sprague since his return from abroad. At the close of last week this physician re-ceived a dispatch to go immediately to Washington and assume complete charge of his patient. It was deemed best to place Mr. Sprague

in a sanitarium, and a day or two later, in the company of the physician and a valet, he arrived here. He remained in a hotel The for a few days, and on Wednesday the family physician accompanied Mr. Sprague to the hospital in Waverley.

Mrs. Sprague is in Nassau, looking after

the health of her little daughter. It is not the side-wheel steamer The Southern, the thought she is aware of the complete breakdown of her husband. Mr. Sprague was born in this city forty-

and Liverpool. The company owning this ship endeavored for some time to get the common council in 1888. He was Mississippi river steamboat St. Louis, the stern-wheeler Oklawaha and the modern from the eleventh district. Mr. Sprague was a man of quiet, temper-

ate, studious habits, unostentatious and democratic in manner. Socially, he and his family ranked as leaders. His wife was Pratt, granddaughter of Commodore Weld, and, with Mrs. Larse Ander-son, heiress to the commodore's fortune of about \$15,000,000. Their only child is a six-year-old daughter.

In Washington Mr. Sprague rented the mansion that had been rented and owned

by former Vice President Levi P. Morton. Here Mr. Sprague gave several lavish entertainments. nence on account of an invitation which he to members of the committee of the

District of Columbia, of which he was a member. Another member of the committee was Mr. White, a negro. the committee to accept an invitation to a dinner at which this colored man was to be

present caused a great deal of talk. affair was finally disposed of by having the invitations withdrawn. Former Representative Boutelle was told of the arrival of his former congressional associate at the asylum. Mr. Boutelle did

not express any great surprise, but simply said: "Charlie Sprague? Yes, I know him. Well, where is he stopping?"
When told that Mr. Sprague was at Hope Cottage, he said: "Well, well, I must see him soon. We will have some fine talks together-good talks of the good times in Congress. Sprague is a fine man. I shall enjoy his company if we are only allowed

W. J. BRYAN'S DOUBLE.

A special to the New York Herald from

Buffalo, N. Y., yesterday says: Posing as William J. Bryan, Fred Fulcher, a waiter in the Ellicott Club, addressed fifty students of the University of Buffalo this afternoon. Not half a dozen of the students knew that they did not listen to Mr. Bryan, but only heard a 'double" of the Nebraskan.

J. A. Stone, W. J. Curtin and T. Edmond Redmond were appointed a committee to escort Mr. Bryan to the Ellicott Club if he would consent to address the students. Mr. Bryan had just dined with State Committeeman Norman E. Mack and John G. Mil-

A waiter was polishing a door knob. His likeness to Mr. Bryan was striking. He was finally prevailed upon to take the of Mr. Bryan, and, with the aid of a slouch peared before the students.
"Three cheers for William Jennings
Bryan!" shouted a young enthusiast, and

bowed low. "I presume," he said, "that you would like to have me speak regarding Rear Admiral Sampson's recent letter, of the speech made by Senator Morgan, of the Cuban policy of my successful rival, of the Porto Rican matter, but I can't. I came

here solely for business. "My visit possesses no political signifi-cance, and my conference today with Mr. Mack was regarding the conduct of my newspaper. However, I will say this to you. The ship of the democracy is as stanch today as ever, and there will be a reckoning. Some day the present adminis-

"There will be a President of the United States elected in the year 1904. It is too early to make predictions, but mark you well that when that time comes the name of Bryan may be heard again. That is all that I can say at this time."

The students gave the "double" a cheer as he retired.

An Organ Recital.

A large audience assembled at the First Baptist Church last evening, mainly to listen to the organ recital of Miss Ettle W. Sinton, who was presented by her teacher, Mr. Archibald Olmstead. Miss Sinton played Lemmen's "Farfare," Guilmant's "Elevation," Spinney's "Berceuse," Bach's prelude and fugue in B flat, Batiste's "Communion" in G and "St. Cecilia" and a grand chorus by Dubois. She played in good form and her work was thoroughly appreciated. She was assisted by Edna Burgess Doe sourang and Cheel by Edna Burgess Doe, soprano, and Chas-E. Myers, tenor.

Eastern Star **Owners** Strike Oil Richly

Kern River District Gives Up Its Liquid Wealth to All Comers.

BY THE BARREL.

Californians Have Forgotten Gold That Glitters for the Oil Which Bubbles.

CHANCE GIVEN EASTERN MEN.

New Yorker, P. V. Schermerhorn, at Head of the Company, a Practical Oil Man.

California is, naturally, the richest state in the Union. From the Land of Gold it has become the Land of Oil, and that means the same thing-wealth for the finder, wealth for the investor.

From the Kern river district comes news of wonderful oil strikes, and while all that glitters may not be gold, all that bubbles is oil. Men who owned the poor acres in Kern county near Bakersfield could not sell them a little more than a year ago for \$3 an acre. Now, dotted with ofl wells, these same lands are selling at from \$3,500 to \$11,000 per acre, with wells producing from 50 to 200 barrels daily. New Yorkers have been on the spot and

seen not only oil wells, but oil ponds. The Standard Oil Company has representatives on the scene. It seems as if nature abhorred a trust, and had opened her heart to the man on the outside. This man, by grasping his opportunity, is getting on the inside fast. One of the best-located companies in the

Kern river district is the Eastern Star Oil Company. This concern has as its presi-dent Mr. P. V. Schermerhorn, a member of the old Knickerbocker family of New York city. Mr. Schermerhorn is one of the best practical oil men in the country. His father "struck oil" in Pennsylvania 'way

back in the days of "Coal Oil Johnny."

The son grew up in the oil district of Pennsylvania. He was one of the first on the field in California. With his experience, he at once went to the head. Few men have his knowledge of selection of oil lands, the producing and marketing of crude oils and their varied products, the inventing of devices for rapid work, the erection of derricks, boring rigs and pumping plants. His experience ranges over Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and California, and hundreds of wells in those states are his monu

Praised by His Neighbors.

The writer, who has just returned from a two months' trip through the wonderful oil country of California, found that no better name than that of P. V. Schermerhorn stood before the people of Los Angeles, in which city the Eastern Star Oil Company has its heme office. Cashier Mossin of the California Bank of Los Angeles spoke of him in the highest terms. The east has had but little idea of the extent of the oil industry in California. Los Angeles was a beautiful city in its youth; now it presents the picture of a city in an oil field. Green lawns, once the pride of residents, have oil derricks planted in them. The city has become an Oil City in fact, but the residents have nearly all made their fortunes out of the produc which for a long time lay unknown beneath their houses But it is in the Kern river district that

the richest strikes have been made. A few days ago section 33, which adjoins section 29, in which the Eastern Star Oil Company has some of its wells, sold for \$5,000,000.

In these favored localities the drills go through oil sand to a depth of from 500 to 800 feet, meaning, in the light of experience in the industry, that the well will have a life of twenty or thirty years.

Brightest of All the Stars.

The Eastern Star Company is the third company to be developed by Mr. Schermerhorn. He started the Diamond Star first, saw it succeed and increase in value, then turned his attention to the Central Star, with similar success. Now he considers the Eastern Star the best of the three, and so sure is he of its future that he determined to offer some of its stock to the people living in the city of his fore-The capital stock of this company is

\$2,000,000, the par value of shares being \$1. They are non-assessable. In these of over-capitalization the Star Oil Company is a notable exception. Here is what it owns:
Six hundred and sixty acres of oil lands

in the heart of the famous Kern river dis-trict, where more oil has been produced and more fortunes have been made than in all the other oil fields of California combined.

Over 300 acres in the Newhall district which has been producing oil for over a quarter of a century. The Pacific Oil Company, operating in this district, has paid the stockholders \$13,000,000 in dividends, and has recently sold its property to the Standard Oil Company for several million dollars. Over 600 acres in the rich Kramer dis-

trict, where several great strikes in oil have been made recently. Producing Dividends Now.

Unlike most enterprises of this kind, the nvestors do not have to wait until a plant s erected and a lot of other things have been done. Wells are in action and producing a dividend, which will be paid quar-

terly, beginning May 2. The first allotment of preferred stock is offered at 25 cents a share, the second will be advanced to 50 cents a share and the hird to \$1. The management has decided that it will pay a dividend of 2 per cent per month on the present selling price of he stock.

The company could pay the present 2 per cent monthly dividends for years to come if it never had another well, and a large force of men are working day and night drilling new wells. It is expected that dividends will be increased to a much higher To assure investors against every emergency, even an earthquake, the following

guarantee is given:
"If parties now purchasing stock at 25 cents per share shall request the same the sale will be made on written condition that the stock will, at the option of the guarantee is given: purchaser, at the end of one year, be re-ceived back and purchase money will be refunded on thirty days' notice, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, less dividends paid on same. This

is meant as a guarantee of the invest-Company Will Be a Winner. The company naturally figures that at the end of the year it would be making at least 100 per cent by this action.

Enormous amounts have been made in oil in California. The San Francisco Petroleum Company has a dividend record of \$27,000,000. People generally have an idea that the Standard Oil Company has a monopoly in oil. This is not true since the Kern river district gave up its hoarded nillions of wealth. The Home Oil Company has made over \$5,000 per share profits for its stockholders; the Pacific Oil Company, mentioned

ers; the Pacific Oil Company, mentioned above, has paid \$13,500.000 in profits, and a score of other companies unknown in the east have made fortunes for Los Angeles and other California people. The Eastern Star Oil Company's lands lie in the very heart of the most productive belt of the oil fields. C. A. Canfield, one of the oldest operaCash only and the narrowest margin of profit. Furniture of the reliable kind.

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is at least \$30,000 per acre, and that the proved oil lands of the state, on a tenbarrel basis only, is over \$200,000,000, and on a forty-barrel basis \$800,000,000, which is \$300,000,000 more than the total gold production of the famous Comstock mining lode. Some wells producing from 150 to 300 barrels daily are actually worth for their product \$50,000, and values are estimated not on the acreage, but on the production of the wells.

Lucky Men on the Spot.

Three personal experiences are very interesting. A little more than a year ago Richard Ellis, a young man, went from Bradford, Pa., to Los Angeles for his health. He became interested in oil and bought ten shares of the Home Oil Company's stock for \$100. After a little the stock advanced to \$40 per share, and Ellis sold three, more than paying for his original investment. He held the remaining

In a short time the noted well of the Home Oil Company was acquired. The stock then began to jump with great strides, and advanced from one point to another until it reached \$4,993 a share in the open market. When it reached the \$4,500 mark Richard Ellis sold his seven theres receiving therefor \$21,700. shares, receiving therefor \$31,500. Adding to this amount received for the three shares previously sold, his original invest-ment brought him a return of \$31,620. Old Captain Jones went hungry and poorly clothed, looking for years for a purchaser for his sun-baked acres at the mouth of Brea Canyon at \$8 per acre, but had no difficulty in selling it at \$135,000 last July after a flowing well had been difficulty on the adjacent property.

drilled on the adjacent property.

John A. Bunting of the Kern river district bought railroad land at \$2.50 per acre, and two months later sold it to the Peerless Oil Company at \$100 per acre. and they have since refused an offer of \$6,000 per acre for the same land. These cases can be multiplied many times.

Eastern Star Will Retain Half. The plan of the Eastern Star Oil Company is a simple one. It will sell 1,000,000 shares of stock and hold 1,000,000. This is so plainly businesslike that it meets the old objection, "If the company has such a good thing why does it give the public a

The newspapers in the vicinity of the oil regions speak highly of the Eastern Star property and of the men at its head. The Los Angeles Oil Era and the Los Angeles Herald tell of the splendid location for money-making. The Bakersfield Morning Echo, right on the ground of the Kern river district, said, on February 5: "The Eastern Star has about completed

its rig on 29-28-28. The company has thoroughly equipped itself for a lively campaign of development work by moving in one of the strongest rigs in the field. This coupled with the fact that the company owns one of the choicest tracts in the district, should make the Eastern Star shine brighter than ever."

On February 8 the Echo said: "The Eastern Star, on 29-28-28, is not only the owner of one of the choicest tracts in the Kern river field, but has extensive holdings at Newhall, Kramer and in the Los Angeles field. In the latter field the company has three producing wells. Two rigs will shortly be at work on its Kern river property, and it is safe to say that in the near future several good wells will be added to its number. That's about the only kind they strike on 29.

These Men Know the Property. The following leading men in Bakersfield. the most prominent oil men in California speak thus highly of the tract in their neighborhood owned by the Eastern Star: "Bakersfield, Cal., Jan. 30, 1901.

'To Whom it May Concern: "We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we are perfectly familiar with section 29, township 28 south, range 28 east, M.
D. B. H., in Kern county, California, and further certify from our personal knowledge of the above-described section of land that said land is one of the most valuable section. land is one of the most valuable sections "All land in this section is worth from \$3,500 per acre to \$10,000 per acre, and even more, according to present develop-ment on same. The twenty acres in this section held by the Eastern Star Oil Company of Los Angeles is exceptionally good land, and it is known that the 100 acres immediately south of the twenty mentioned cannot be purchased for \$1,000,000-in fact,

not sold at any price.
"C. LINKENBACH. "J. J. MACK,
"T. SPELLACY, "E. H. LOVELAND,

"WILLIAM H. MASON." The Washington office of the Eastern Star Oil Company is rooms 406-7 Evening Star Building. Here L. E. Pike & Co., bankers, will give further particulars, or will send bank references and other blanks. Many letters from California are on file in the office and they will be shown gladly.

The following telegram explains itself:

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 28, 1901.
L. E. Pike & Co., Phoenix Building.
Springfield, Mass.:
Los Angeles Herald states today that sec-Los Angeles Heraid states today that section 29, Kern river, is worth ten million dollars, and is now paying good interest on that amount, and only partially developed. We have two rigs drilling on our twenty acres, and derricks Nos. 3 and 4 EASTERN STAR OIL CO. -Advt.

SPARE THE ANIMAL Lashing of Horses and Other Daily Cruelties. "Some time ago in The Star I explained the barbarous but fashionable practice of

docking horses' talis," said a veterinary surgeon. "I adverted to the cruelty of curb bits, and advocated that the public at large owed it to the horse to make complaint to the Humane Society, or to the police, either on the spot or subsequently, in any instance of cruelty to animals coming under their notice; that the torturing high check rein and villatnous curb bit were the result of a demand to make a horse in harness look 'lively and spirited,' and that so long as society sanctioned docking, the high check rein and the curb bit, so long tors in the district, states that in his opinion the value of oil lands in Kern county would they be in vogue.

"A recent arrest in this city brings the good state of preservation."

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remarks, as it was urged at the time that arrests and convictions of wealthy vio-lators of the law should be made and not confined exclusively to the working and the poorer classes. "There is one form of cruelty, however, which is to be especially condemned and that is the practice some drivers of private

carriages have of lashing their horses either in the alley upon which their stable fronts or in the stable before bringing them into the street to their owner's residence. "The coachmen apply the lash, holding the horses back by reins and bit, they prancing and jumping about under the blows in their efforts to go ahead, until

they are properly 'worked up' and some 'spirit' put in them. The laziest horse will naturally imbibe a little 'spirit' under these conditions, as would a man writhe and squirm if thrashed soundly with a whip while tied to a stake, and feel correspondingly 'worked up' afterward. "The residents of buildings which over-look stables should not be deterred from making complaint, and ought to be humane enough to follow up such cases of cruelty. It is the experience of the police that while It is the experience of the police that while offenders are repeatedly arrested for various offenses a second arrest for cruelty to animals is comparatively rare. Its effect is

most wholesale in knocking the brutality out of men, and no cruelty to animal case, in my opinion, should be compromised or passed over. In addition to the fine and the guilt attaching to an arrest and conviction there is a certain kind of shame which attaches to any man who so far for-gets his manhood as to be brutal to dumb, helpless beings.
"In the instance of coachmen lashing their

horses to make them 'spirited' the owners of animals subjected to this abominable treatment are in all probability in ignor-ance of the brutality of their coachmen, and would, no doubt, esteem it a favor if their driver's actions were brought to their attention, either by letter or personally, or the better way, a complaint against the unfeeling coachman in the Police Court.
"I consider it a duty to make such com-

plaint, as it is the only way these heartless men may be reached, they taking good care to refrain from their vicious practice when a policeman is apt to be around. Time thus appropriated is well spent and no case should be neglected. I believe that the public commends citizens who are humane enough to go into court in the interest of the horse, and I think they should be complimented, as I believe they are, "The ridding of the streets of Washington

of lame, sore and horses otherwise unfit for service is the result of the good work of some people who are rewarded by a consciousness of doing humane and good deeds. Were it not for these good people and the police, unscrupulous owners would drive and beat these poor horses without judges sustained these cases that it is dom that a lame or sore horse is seen on the streets of this city, because their owners know they are likely to land in the Police Court and emerge well fined. And wealthy owners of horses deserve no immunity on account of their wealth, but should be the more heavily fined.

THE HOTEL CHECK PROBLEM. A Question of Whether to Offend Guests or Risk Losing Money. From the New York Sun.

The hotel clerk was standing behind the

desk with a disconsolate look on his face. "What's the matter?" asked a friend. "Matter?" said the clerk. "Why' its the same old story. I've been stuck for another check. This check business causes us hotel clerks more trouble than anything else in the world. There is a general rule in hotels that no checks shall be cashed, but very often travelers run short of money. It is good business policy to cash these checks when you can be sure that they're all right. No hotel can afford to be continu ally offending guests. At the same time, if a clerk cashes a bad check he has to stand

"The average hotel clerk has learned by bitter experience to be a pretty good judge of human nature, but every now and then he slips up. Only a week ago a big, splen-did-looking fellow came to me and got me to cash a check for \$20. I sized him up and decided that he was all right and that he was a good man to keep among the steady patrons of the hotel. A few days later back came the check with 'No funds' marked across it. The result was that I was out

While the clerk was talking a swagger-looking woman came up to the desk and, smiling receily at the clerk, said: "Will you please cash this little check?" The clerk was all graciousness. He took the check and examined it carefully without saying anything.
"Oh, it's all right," said the woman. "Of course, if you don't want to cash it you needn't. Mr. So-and-So knows me quite well, and you can telephone him about it if you want to; but it would save me

"Certainly, madam," said the clerk, and then he went over and held a consultation with the cashier. They decided that the woman was a good investment and gave her the money. She went away smiling, and then the clerk

great deal of trouble if you could cash it

"Now, there is just about an even-money chance. If I hadn't cashed that check she would have been highly insulted and would have talked about this hotel as long as she could remember. If she is all right she will be a good customer, but if she isn't I am out another twenty-five." Open Late Tonight.

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